



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the April 22, 2013 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, April 22, 2013, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; and Heidi Sampson (Board Members); Mark Cyr and Alisa Johnson, Department of Education.

Also present were: Malik McKinley, ETS; Walter Kimball, Professor, University of Southern Maine; and Wendy Gall, Reading Matters to Me

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Jana Lapoint and unanimously voted by those present to approve the March 26, 2013 minutes as written.

Updates

Certification (Mark Cyr):

- The Certification Office at the Department of Education has issued over 23,000 certificates this year
- The online certification process should be activated by August 2013
- The Praxis I test has been updated and is called CASE (Core Academic Skills for Educators)

Higher Education (Alisa Johnson):

- She attended the Indiana Symposium last week
- The Maine College of the Art Teacher Education Program Review is scheduled for October and will need a Board Observer
- Antioch Team Review will also be this fall and need a Board Observer

ETS Update (Malik McKinley)

- There are innovative changes being made to their tests
- Common Core is being incorporated in areas such as writing and numeracy
- A Praxis pre-service portfolio is being piloted this fall

Professor Walter Kimball from the University of Southern Maine discussed possible changes with the 282 endorsement which is an endorsement for teachers of children with mild to moderate disabilities. The focus of the discussion was on possible changes in coursework that would better align with the responsibilities of these classroom teachers. Professor Kimball will be coming back to the Committee with more specific details.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM